

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 11, 2004 was a non-final office action.

The subject Office Action indicated that the drawing was accepted.

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 4 and 7 through 15. More specifically, claims 3, 4 and 7 through 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hagen et al.

Claims 1 and 12 were previously cancelled, without prejudice to the claims remaining in the case.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 9 have been cancelled hereby, without prejudice to the claims remaining in the case.

Finally, the Office Action indicated that claims 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 “would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph (i.e. by including a positive step to quenching ozone from water), in light of the declaration submitted September 9, 2003, because the prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a method for quenching ozone from water comprising the steps of applying calcium thiosulfate to the water containing ozone.” Claims 9 and 12 have been cancelled hereby since, in view of the other claims indicated as allowable, they are believed to be duplicative.

Claim 14 is amended hereby in a manner not believed to change the scope of the claim, but rather to make the claim more accurate. The applicant respectfully requests the allowance thereof.

New claims 16, 17, 18 and 19 are submitted herewith. These claims generally correspond in terminology to the claims already allowed in this case. Favorable action thereon is courteously solicited in order that the applicant obtain the true scope of allowance indicated in the Office Action of August 11, 2004.

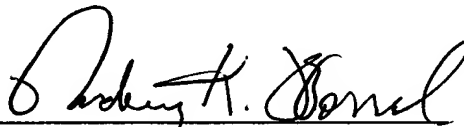
In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The applicant, through his attorney of record, authorizes the Examiner to telephone the attorney collect in the event a telephone discussion could be helpful to the prosecution of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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